# LUCY E DELANEY

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# INTERESTS

Conceptual understanding of evolutionary principles, evolution-centered teaching, R for undergraduate education, macroevolution, the evolution of plant breeding systems, data manipulation & visualization with tidyverse

#### **EDUCATION**

# Ph.D candidate, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology

2022

University of Illinois at Chicago

Chicago, IL

Dissertation: The Nature of Adaptation and the Epistemology of Natural Selection

# M.A., Molecular & Cellular Biology

January 2016

Hunter College of the City University of New York

New York, NY

# B.S., Forensic Molecular Biology, Philosophy

May 2012

John Jay College of the City University of New York

New York, NY

#### UNIVERSITY TEACHING

#### BIOS 220 Mendelian and Molecular Genetics

Fall 2019 - Summer 2020

Sophomore-level course focusing on Mendelian inheritance patterns and molecular mechanisms of inheritance. Helped managed transition from in-person to online delivery. Responsible for teaching discussion section, creating digital course materials & exams, grading, and Blackboard administration.

# BIOS 331 General Ecology Laboratory

Summer 2019

Application of ecological and evolutionary concepts with hands-on experiments and field trips to local natural areas. Responsible for weekly laboratory instruction, office hours, and grading.

## BIOS 230 Ecology and Evolution

Spring 201

Sophomore-level course with emphasis on basic ecological systems, ecosystem dynamics, and evolutionary principles. Responsible for weekly office hours, assignment creation, and grading.

## **BIOS 430** Evolution

Fall 2017 - Fall 2018

Upper-division, programming-focused course on evolutionary theory and principles. Responsible for weekly office hours & debugging, quiz materials, and grading of R programming assignments.

### **BIOS 120** Biology of Populations and Communities

2016-2017

Introductory biology laboratory course with emphasis on ecological and evolutionary principles. Responsible for weekly laboratory instruction, office hours, and grading.

#### COMMUNITY TEACHING

Course Builder & Trainer UIC Biological Sciences Department 2020-Present Trained in online instructional design & pedagogy, and software relevant to online teaching & learning. Assisting Biological Sciences Department faculty members in transitioning their courses online, and managing technical aspects of courses throughout online delivery.

**Tutor** Nurturing Wisdom Tutoring

2018-2020

Highly-rated individual tutoring for grades 7-12 in test preparation (SAT and high school entrance exams), science, mathematics, and writing.

Substitute Teacher Chicago-area Charter Schools Substitute teacher for elementary, middle, and high school classes. 2015-2016

#### TEACHING HONORS AND AWARDS

2020 Nominated for the UIC Graduate Student Excellence in Teaching and Mentoring Award

2020 Recipient of the Biological Sciences Department Graduate Teaching Award for BIOS 220

2018 Recipient of the Biological Sciences Department Graduate Teaching Award for BIOS 430

# OTHER AWARDS AND TRAINING

- 2020 Participant in the 2020 Chicago R Collaborative Conference
- 2018 Recipient of the Biological Sciences Department Travel Award
- 2018 Reviewer for International Journal of Botany, Oxford Bibliographies
- 2017 Accepted to NSF-funded workshop on Bayesian analysis of macroevolutionary mixtures
- 2017 Recipient of the Biological Sciences Department Travel Award
- 2017 Accepted to microMORPH Plant Anatomy Summer Course at Harvard University
- 2016 General horticulture volunteer at Garfield Park Conservatory

# **PRESENTATIONS**

**2021** Society for the Advancement of Biology Education Research West | Talk Delaney, Lucy E, The Four Causes of Adaptation.

**2021** Undergraduate Biology Education Research GRS | Poster Delaney, Lucy E, The Four Causes of Adaptation. Forthcoming.

**2018** Annual Meeting of the Botanical Society of America | Poster Delaney, Lucy E, Ramanauskas, K., & Igić, B., Breeding Systems in the Legumes.

2017 microMORPH Summer Course | Talk Delaney, Lucy E, Evolutionary Consequences of Plant Mating Systems.

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

**Delaney, Lucy E**, Ramanauskas, K., & Igić, B. (2021a). Breeding systems in the legumes: What do we know? *Manuscript in Prep.* 

**Delaney, Lucy E**, Ramanauskas, K., & Igić, B. (2021b). Breeding systems in the orchids. *Manuscript in Prep.* 

**Delaney, Lucy E**. (2012). Nietzsche, nerve stimulation-image connection, and ontology. *John Jay's Finest*, 27, 99–103.

### **SKILLS**

**Languages** Programming: R (proficient)

Scripting: php, bash, zsh (novice)

Document markup: LATEX, HTML & CSS, Markdown

Licenses Illinois Substitute Teaching, FCC Technician Class Radio

**Software** Adobe Illustrator, Microsoft Office Suite

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Forensic Molecular Biologist at NYC Office of Chief Medical Examiner 2012-2015 Examined evidence for the presence of biological fluids, performed serological & DNA analysis techniques, analyzed data & performed statistical analyses, wrote reports, and provided expert scientific testimony in court.

Health Research Intern at NYC Department of Health

2011-2012

Accepted to the Health Research Training Program for a year-long internship with the Bureau
of Environmental Disease Prevention. Received training in disease epidemiology, emergency
preparedness & response, public health and outreach programs in environmental disease control
& prevention, and emerging viral infections.

**Field Manager & Administrative Assistant** at Working Families Party 2008-2011 Responsible for payroll, managing employees' healthcare coverage, bank deposits, and data entry. Organized informational events for the public, and served as Field Manager for multiple election and fundraising campaigns.